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TATTERSALLS CLUB CYCLING TOUR 2004



Day 1 - The peloton rides from Nelson Bay to Stockton Bridge and back - a round trip of 110km. Other than a number of expected punctures, everyone made it to Stockton as one. A truly awesome sight to see 37 cyclists in a collage of colour and synchronicity.

As far as I'm concerned any day of cycling with no falls, is a successful one. Thankfully this was the case. Other than a few sore bums, collectively, the report was positive. This set us up nicely for the more competitive Day 2 time trials.

Day 2 - The peloton rode easily as one to the time trial destination (20km). Here, each and every cyclist was listed to punch out an individual 16km time trial over a very flat and straight course. Cyclists were loosely seeded and left in 1-minute intervals.

The joy for me was to see every single cyclist give 110%. The boys were hurting - all keeping a very

close eye on the clock and importantly their position in the overall standings.

**TATTERSALLS 2004
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION -
MARK PRESTON, IN A TIME
OF 23.29
CONGRATULATIONS
PRESTO.**

Next, after collating all cyclists' individual times in chronological order, 6 teams of 5 were selected. The top 5 individual placings made up team 1 and so on. The very capable and well-supported team 6 was blessed with 7 members.

With a 2-minute interval separating each team, they set off in pursuit to clock their fastest handicapped time, again over 16km. Team handicaps were calculated from a mean of their individual times in relation to the fastest team time.

Well, I can assure you, there was plenty of oxygen being sucked

during this event. The better a team could coordinate an even 'Indian-file' attack, the faster they went. Of course, always being mindful of their weakest rider's condition.

**TATTERSALLS 2004 TEAM
TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONS -
TIM MURRAY, STEWART
CAMERON, KYMBAL
DUNNE, CHRIS MILLS,
DAVID KUTENA.
CONGRATULATIONS GENTS.**

After a very slow ride back to our apartments the peloton enjoyed a relaxing swim with a few appropriate drinks - cold beer.

I received nothing but positive reports from every member of the touring party. In fact, I believe it was certainly our best yet. I will predict that next year's tour will generate



just as much interest. Our next tour will be on offer in late April 2005. The south coast will host the Tattersalls Club Cycling tour. So why not use the tour as your next health related goal?

Thank you to all cyclists for their commitment, support and overwhelming interest in their fellow cyclists.

Tour Director
Brad Pamp.

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Mark Bartrop
Tattersalls Secretary

As members will have realised by now we have reduced the size of the Newsletter. This has come about because of greater access to Club information from the Club's Website and feedback from a number of members that the smaller version is all that is required.

The Club is starting to become busier with the arrival of summer and Members coming out of winter hibernation. The Athletic Department is becoming busy and Brad and the team are expanding the style of classes on offer.

We have two exciting Members' functions coming up over the next month. On 26 November we have Black Tie Boxing. The seats are selling fast so book as soon as possible. On 9 December we have a special Sportsman's lunch with Kerry O'Keeffe as guest speaker. This promises to be a fantastic lunch with special guests on the podium, Tattersalls Club Members Tony Squires and Mikey Robins. At \$90 a head (includes lunch and drinks) this should not be missed.

Mark Bartrop



Russell Debney

The Special General Meeting held on 28 October considered a resolution to permit the Club's existing loan facilities to be secured to our bankers by way of a mortgage over the club house.

Currently, our loan facilities are unsecured but this is at the cost of at least one and a half points in our cost of funds and at the expense of an increasing lack of flexibility in our choice of loan products and lenders. The Committee has therefore taken the view that it is commercially sensible to offer security in the same way that any other responsible trading enterprise would do.

Once passed, the resolution will permit the borrowing facilities to be enlarged if needed. While there are presently no plans requiring increased borrowings, it is the case that our cash flow this year has suffered from the net loss of 240 members from last year to this. If this were to be repeated next year, we would certainly require cover for this and for the inevitable restructuring of

our operations as part of a clear strategy to reduce and eliminate core debt. The meeting will have covered these matters as well as the steps being taken by the Committee to encourage an increase in membership levels - or to cut our cloth to suit a reduced level of members, if that is to be the future of the Club.

The Committee is keen to have the views of a wide cross-section of our membership on the future of the Club. The SGM will have provided an opportunity for those who attended to ensure that your views are heard and taken into account.

Nominations to fill the casual Committee vacancy closed mid-October with only one valid nomination. As a result and in accordance with the Rules of the Club, Greg George has been elected to fill the vacancy. Greg was an unsuccessful candidate for the Committee at the last Annual General Meeting. We welcome Greg aboard and look forward to his contribution to the Club.

Russell Debney



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members' bar.

SWIMMING CLUB MONTHS 8 & 9



The Swimming Club continues with good attendances, even with the school holidays having some negative impact on numbers.

A fund raising dinner for the Harry Turner Harvard Scholarship is to be held on 12 November 2004. Book with me on the Swimmers/TBR's table(s).

We have welcomed a new swimmer to our fold, Matthew Gwynn who is cutting his handicap by seconds every week. He will learn.

The morning squad continues to be very well supported and Graham Hill is really testing the resolve of even the most dedicated trainers who are seen gasping for breath after and during his sessions.

Bill Debney has virtually put me into retirement and I only have to flick a

couple of other jobs to get back to doing nothing. Bill is of course on the Calcutta Committee and was responsible for the repechage idea.

CALCUTTA

All the results are at pool deck or you can get them from Peter Thiel by email. Big names such as Ward, Thiel and Fydler are through to the last 16. Old sly foxes such as Austin are also there, along with last year's reigning champ, Matt Curl.

TWO TATTS

The Cheetahs, conveniently with the retirement of Bob Low managed to 'cheat' a win in the Open while we took out the Over 40's and 50's. Less said the better. Some of their open swimmers had never been to City Tatts before the night.

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Snooker

Fishing Report

SNOOKER REPORT

Proceedings in the Club Calcutta Tournament are reaching the pointy end. Peter Twigg, ageing like a good wine, is our first Semi Finalist. In the round of 16, he beat Glen Wilkinson, who had overcome the substantial start that he was required to give Peter, only to see Peter sink the last three balls and win the match. In a round of eight, he beat Trigger Woollard, who appeared to have run out of both luck and his vitamin supplement. Dark horse Goran Drapac, defeated the 2000 Winner of the Calcutta, Kevin Simmonds, in the round of 16 and will now either play Rod Morton or William Ryan in the round of 8.

Eddie Crane and Robert Sanders are to play off to see who advances to the last eight. Defending Champion Mark Twigg (whom Peter Twigg introduces as his brother) defeated Frank Gallanos and will take on Greg Mizon, the Runner Up in 2002, in the next round. John Stewart, back after a break, met Eddie Charlton in what was a contest as to the Snooker and snappy dressing. Eddie wore a Hawaiian shirt that he purchased in Pineapple Joe's, shortly after the War, and John looked like he was dressed by the Prince of Darkness. John was judged the winner in both contests. John continued his good form by beating Michael Fitzgerald who complains that he hasn't had a days good luck ever since he lent his flippers to Harold Holt. The

September Challenge Snooker Night was won by Kaz Pociask who defeated Billy Henneberry in a close tussle, with the Runners Up being Bobby (Atlas) Richards and Cameron Horne. On the 11th November, it is proposed to hold another Galah Games Night. This is of course the Anniversary of the end of World War 1 and also the Whitlam Government. All members are invited to "maintain the rage". This is an event to mark the selection of Joe Minici and Glen Wilkinson to represent Australia in the Inaugural World Senior Snooker Championships to be held in the Netherlands (wherever that is).

Chalky

TATTERSALLS FISHING REPORT SPRING 2004

Spring is finally here and there has been some fishing action.

Recently I went on a 3-day tour of Thursday Island. Thursday Island, or T.I. as it is known by locals, is the gateway to the Torres Strait, an expanse of sapphiric seas dotted with approximately 100 islands, 17 of which are communities.

The main reason for going was to spread the ashes of the late Jim Mort a famed Australian Reef Pilot. Boy, if there could be a Tatts on T.I. then the Pilot house would be it with a dining room and snooker room north Queensland style and the fridge is always full of beer, as were some of the members.

This famous group of men climb aboard super tankers in the middle of the night like James Bond and guide them though the Great Barrier Reef and beyond.

In fact Norm Rogers a past chairman of Tattersalls was one of these men.

So the fishing. Well imagine the Whitsunday's without the crowds.

Nobody and I mean nobody will be out on the water. You have the whole Torres Strait to yourself.

So the size of the fish? Well I could do the one armed fisherman's measure but I won't.

We only got some small reef fish, but missed the giant coral trout that broke the 30kg line with wire trace. Tony our guide just laughed. I am sure it's an every day experience for him.

NECK TIES AND THE STRIPED REVOLUTION

Look along the rows of V.M necktie arrivals. Over half of this season's are striped. It is the first necktie revolution since the elegant neats took over from those whacko punch-in-the-eye numbers of a couple of years ago.

Today's stripes have come in as logical, sober partners to live with the current season's somewhat creative shirt designs. Anyway, welcome back! And there's another tasty comeback; the crunchy, solid colour straight-sided pure silks that look hand-knitted. They're a tad wider than they used to be. The new shirts look fine with them. For a start, try the cool gold.



Vince Maloney on hyde park
Next door to tattersalls telephone 9264 8837



Tony is a local and the only guide on the island. We used live bait and lures, but if you had a fly rod then you would have days of different locations to fish.

From walking the flats, creeks [watch out for the crocs but don't worry as Tony has a spear] and the reef, take your choice and as I said before, nobody else will be there.

October is the best time to fish the tides or April after the wet season.

Try and get up there if you can. Fly to Cairns then onto Hook Island.

It's a days travelling but worth the trip.

Local Fishing has begun. The lizards are out from their winter holes and nailing the pink plastics...great fun spinning on the flats or weed beds. I did it last weekend down the south coast wading in knee high water.

So come on summer and the Sydney harbour kingies.

Anybody who has a recent fishing tale to tell or just wants to share a story, drop me a line.

Tight lines

Simon Forsyth - Convenor



Simon can be contacted at email: fishhead@mac.com

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Following a successful day at Cammeray Golf club to coincide with the final round of the US PGA, we are now looking at hosting this event for each of the US Majors next year. The format comprises a big breakfast in front of the coverage on the Monday morning followed by nine holes of golf and a quick lunch. The day is all over by noon and with ample parking at the club the numbers have grown steadily during the year. At only \$50 per head including all meals, golf and prizes it is great value as well as being lots of fun. If you would like to be included in the mail out, please contact Rod Austin at rod@golfagent.com.au to get on his mailing list.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY-

the Club Championship will be held at NSW Golf Club on Friday 3rd December. Hit off is at 8am.

The cost will be \$120 per person. Maximum of 40 people. First preference will be given to members.

Bookings can be taken through the office on 9264 6111 or at administration@tattersallsclub.org

SPORTSMANS LUNCH WITH KERRY O'KEEFFE

Tattersalls Club presents Kerry O'Keeffe with guest speakers Mikey Robins and Tony Squires on Thursday December 9th.

Come and be part of the crowd as our panel of experts humour us with their version of the Test Series against India and the upcoming Test against Pakistan.

12.30pm for 1.00pm.

Cost \$90 per person
includes 3 course meal and beverages.

**Bookings may be made at the office, by phone (02) 9264 6111 or email
administration@tattersallsclub.org**

YOUNG MEMBERS NIGHT TASTE OF TASSIE



Following the success of the Australian Boutique beer tasting night, it was time to follow up with the tasting of some quality ale from our Island in the south, Tasmania.

Members and their guests enjoyed a generous mix of fine tasting beers and magnificent food, which complemented the beverages served.

Andrew Coorey kept the audience entertained by introducing the beers from Cascade and Boags. The Cosmopolitans and Mango Daiquiris were the popular choice for the ladies.

The night was not without its winners taking home champagne and two

beer and wine hampers drawn from the raffle and lucky door prize.

The major prize was won by Iain Todd. Iain won a return flight to Tassie and three nights accommodation.

Special thanks to our sponsors *Anywhere Travel* and the Tasmania Tourist Bureau for donating the holiday.

We look forward to seeing you at our next young members' night.

If you would like to experience what Tasmania has to offer we recommend you contact Barbara at

**ANYWHERE TRAVEL on
9663 0411**

She also has other specials to Europe the US and Japan for skiing.

FOOD AND WINE DINNER

On Friday 27th September over 45 members and guests were spoilt by the combined efforts of our culinary wizards and Beringer Blass for another food and wine evening.



Our Executive Chef, Simon Flanders put together a fabulous six course menu that was washed down with an assortment of fine wines that concluded with a fabulous (too) easy drinking Muscat.

After an introduction by the MC, who confused diners with the musing of the great Scandinavian lyricist Bjorn Ulvaeus, James Phillbrook from Beringer Blass provided insightful descriptions of the wines as they accompanied the various courses. Simon Flanders emerged from the kitchen toward the end of the night and explained how he had constructed the menu and how it was prepared. It is definitely easier to eat it than cook it!

After the dinner, several members and guests were seen retiring to the snooker room for a quick match and a night-cap.

It should be noted that at \$95 per head, all inclusive, this must be the best value in town. Great food, wine and company.

Keep an eye out for more activities before the end of the year. We are planning some tastings for the coming months.

Upcoming Events

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| Nov 11th | Cue Sports Games Night |
| Nov 12th | Harry Turner Foundation Dinner |
| Nov 18th | Calcutta Swimming Final |
| Nov 26th | Black Tie Boxing |
| Dec 3rd | Tattersalls Boardriders Awards Night |
| Dec 9th | Sportsman's Lunch with Kerry O'Keeffe |
| Dec 16th | Chocolate Wheel |

